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For planning purposes we need brief assessment from you covering: (1) steps you consider necessary to fill any serious gaps in understanding or what has happened in Cuban affair and what it means; (2) Communist propaganda gambits that appear most effective your area.

Also need your considered judgement whether momentum gained by strong stand on Cuba opens opportunities in your areas for new initiatives or new approach to long-standing problems or minor irritants in relations. Effect other major developments such as Sino-Indian clash should be considered where applicable. Also evident disarray in Communist bloc. Question is whether we should use newly demonstrated leadership in urging solutions other free world problems, reviewing past assumptions, moving forward along constructive lines. Which problems your areas seem offer best hope for resolution in light changed circumstances?

Please keep responses brief as possible reserving detailed backup for later review by 10/16/67 DATE 11/16/67

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